(b) In view of the adequacy of training institutions of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission State Governments and the Coir Board there is no such proposal.

Development of rural industries in Bihar and Maharashtra

2600. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress made in the rural industry sector in Bihar and Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) whether proposals have been received from the respective State Governments; and

(c) if so, the help provided by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGROAND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The progress in terms of industrial units set up by eligible beneficiaries of the two important schemes of the Government (in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries) viz. Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) and Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and employment generated in Bihar and Maharashtra during the last three years are given in the table below:

	REGP				PMRY			
Year	Number of Units		Employment (number of persons)		Number of Units		Employment (number of persons)	
	Bihar	Maha-rashtra	Bihar	Maha-rashtra	Bihar	Maha-rashtra	Bihar	Maha-rashtra
2003-04	88	857	3818	15498	9860	17230	14790	25845
2004-05	254	1773	5049	25040	10396	21819	15594	32729
200.5-06	692	3120	11445	30928	12075*	23485*	18112*	35227*

*Provisional figures. Approximately 50 per cent of units set up under PMRY are estimated to be in rural areas.

(b) and (c) Applications for setting up industry units mentioned at (a) above are not received directly by the Government. Under the REGP an eligible entrepreneur has to submit project proposal to the State office of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) or the District offices

of the respective State/Union Territory Khadi and Village Industries Board or the participating bank directly. Similarly under the PMRY an eligible educated unemployed youth has to submit a project proposal to the District Industries Centre concerned which in turn sponsors short-listed applications to the implementing banks.

Government grant (subsidy) is sanctioned and released in favour of the applicants in accordance with the parameters of the REGP or as the case may be PMRY after appraisal and sanction of loan by the bank concerned.

Setting up of new industries by KVIC

2601. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has decided to shift from conventional industries and encourage setting up of new industries to keep,pace with the modernisation in the era of globalization;

(b) if so the details of the decisions taken in this regard; and

(c) the changes proposed by the Commission in the existing structure of village industries in the light of said decision?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) In addition to continuing assistance to the conventional khadi and village industries, Khadi and Village Industries, Commission (KVIC) has also included some modern industries namely chemical-based industries, non-conventional energy activities, assembling/ servicing of electronic items, bio-technology, etc., among the village industries assisted under the Government's Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP). Details of the group and products of village industries assisted under the REGP are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(c) No, Sir.